Reservoir Music Boosters

*Minutes*

*February 2, 2016*

* Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.
* Reviewed and approved minutes: Mary Rekus moved, DeShawn Shephard seconded.
* **President’s report:** Chris Armstrong has created a Facebook page and expressed concern that no one is using it. She encouraged everyone to post away!
* **Treasurer’s report:** Chris gave the report in Karen’s absence. Some of the entries for costumes and uniforms were unclear; Chris will follow up to clarify.
* **Volunteer update:** DeShawn Shephard said all the slots for the Pops Concert except two are filled. She will send names to Carol and Tina.
* **Spring trip update:** 83 students are going, and the deposit was submitted. About 10-11 have paid only their deposits. Mary Jo said she will send out reminder emails to those who owe payments. Regarding next year’s collection of money, Mr. Saunderson suggested having parents pay all up front. DeShawn said for the foreign language trip, the travel company took payments directly. The group discussed other payment options, and the history of ways we have handled payments. Chris noted that this is the first year the Boosters are not supplementing anyone.
* Committee reports
  + **Pops Concert** – Tina Saur and Carol Sowers said numbers were looking good. Some students will have to miss the concert because of Solo and Ensemble contest.
  + **Fruit sale** – Chris applauded Mary Jo and Mary for their exceptional service with the fruit delivery. Mary Jo said the sales totaled $983.30 and Boosters made $398.32 of that.
  + **Restaurant nights** – Chris said Tandoori Grill was a huge success. Sarah Rehling said they requested a letter with our tax ID. We raised $250. DeShawn has reserved Thursday, Feb. 11 at Tampico Grille for a Music Boosters restaurant night. It will run all day, not just for dinner. She gave Chris the flyer and will post on the Booster FB page. We will receive 50 percent of sales. Mary Jo said we have three options: (20 percent) Directors working at the store; buying a container for $120 and selling at events; buying cards for $1, selling for $5 to receive 10 percent off purchases. Or a combination.
  + **Grocery cards** – Tina mentioned that there may be a cash flow issue with her holding $15,000 worth of grocery cards. Also, do we want to continue with Giant? Prahalad asked if cash flow was really an issue. Ultimately, Tina said she’d cut down to $5,000 at a time.
* **Middle School adjudication**, March 14-16 – Chris told DeShawn we need people to help with food for judges for three nights. Tina will handle pizza, soda and candy all three nights. Mr. O’Bryan will send out letters to middle schools to inform them of the pick-up/drop-off plans and concessions.
* **Painted Violins fundraiser** – Mr. O’Bryan is waiting to hear from his contact. Chris will ask our Music and Arts rep if they would donate instruments that don’t function.
* **Musical Madness** – Chris has emailed Maple Lawn to get approval for our May 21 date. She spoke with Michael Richardson at Howard County police about our permit and was unable to get a direct answer. Another option would be to have the race in areas where we wouldn’t need a permit. DeShawn will ask Mrs. Madden to chair. Tina will research.
* Directors’ update:

Dr. Knauf:

* + On Tuesday, Feb. 16 we need an adult volunteer for Madrigals assessment at Wilde Lake High School, at 12:30.
  + Tuesday, March 8 are chamber and concert choir assessments; chaperones needed. We perform later in the day.
  + Most groups are no longer going with Madrigals as a name and Renaissance costumes. So we will supplement our costumes with something different from regular costumes. DK asked Boosters for financial support – approximately $2,000. The boys would have vests and ties; girls would have sashes and pearls. Tina moved to approve; Mary Jo approved.
  + The family of Jason Mastrioni has collected memorial funds for him, and they wanted to allocate some of the funds to the RHS music program. DK and Mr. O’Bryan spoke with them about using the funds to enable a student to take private lessons – about $3,500. DK proposed that after the initial donation, the Boosters would take over administering the program. Sarah Rehling mentioned that PTSA has some procedures we could consult. DeShawn moved, Tina seconded.
* **Old business:** Mary Jo discussed options with the Olney Theatre again. We need to choose dates and decide what we want to do with our allotted tickets and reception access. They prefer Wednesdays and Thursdays in July 13-28, and 29-30. We chose July 30 with alternate July 29.
* **Motion to adjourn**: Mary Rekus moved, DeShawn seconded.